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## SMILES ARE NO ANSWER

With all sorts of international meetings in the offing, including a summit conference with the Kremlin boss, there ought to be some way to get American leaders to speak up for America. I say this because I was rather shocked at something the President said recently. You will recall that Mr. Eisenhower had a private confab with Khrushchev at Camp David. Khrushchev boasted about the superiority of communism over capitalism, so a reporter, reminding the President of this recently,

asked him what answer he gave Khrushchev when he said his system was better than ours. Mr. Eisenhower said that you can't answer these things categorically, and that "most-ly the best answer is a smile."

I certainly hope this does not become standard practice on the President's part. He'll need a whole lot more than a grin at any conference table which includes the ruthless Red boss. And it seems to me that any ordinary American could very quickly have answered Khrushchev as to

which system is better. An American could have said, for instance: Here in America, I can go to any church I want. There are thousands and thousands of churches and thousands of churchmen. No government commissar bothers them or me.

Or he could have said: I can read any newspaper I want to - or listen to any radio or TV program - and know that what I see in the paper or hear over the air has not been first censored and then handed out by a government bureau.

Or an American could have told Khrushchev: I can work where I please. If I don't like my job in New York, I can go get a job in Indiana or some place else. No commissar tells me where I must work and live. Nor can he tell me what kind of work I

must do. If I decide I no longer like working as a mechanic, I can work at something else - without first getting permission from a government bureaucrat.

Entirely aside from the abundance and high standard of living of the American, he could also tell Khrushchev: I can say what I think about my government, my boss, the mayor of my city, without looking over my shoulder to see if a member of the secret police is keeping tabs on me. Any American could cite these and many more examples of why our system is better than communism. What's the matter with the President? Did the cat have his tongue - that he could only grin in answer to Khrushchev's ravings?

## THE SAME OLD SHOW

Many Washington observers are wondering if they aren't watching the same show all over again. They have in mind the American State Department and the current chummy-ness with Red Russia - and maybe even Red China. This chummy-ness goes by the name of "accommodation." That sounds better, I suppose, than "appeasement" or "knuckling under"

to Red bombast and threats. In any case, long-time Washington observers think they are seeing the same old show over again, because of certain recent changes in the State Department.

Two of the Department's staunchest advocates of a strong and firm attitude toward communism in Russia and China have recently resigned.

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Of course, the official reasons for the resignations were health, age and so on. But close observers of the State Department think there was something more involved, despite disclaimers to the contrary. One thing which aroused their suspicions is that Secretary of State Hert-er seems to go along with the "accommodation" idea. Another is that a man who was part and parcel of the Roosevelt-Truman surrenders at Yalta and Potsdam is now back in the State Department, in an important post. It is easy to see why certain observers are worried about what may be in store for America and the world, because they've seen it all happen before.

Back in the Summer and Fall of 1945, there was what looks like a similar situation in the State Department. China was then still part of the free world. Her Nationalist leader, Chiang Kai-shek, was withstanding the onslaughts of the Reds in China. In the American State Department were two men - Joseph C. Grew and Eugene Dooman - who were urging that the American government back up Chiang Kai-shek so that he could save China from the Reds. But there was a pro-communist cabal in the State Department. And one day the anti-Red Grew and Dooman resigned. From then on - until finally all of China fell into Red hands - the pro-communist clique in the State Department was in the saddle.

Now I am not saying that, once again, the State Department is riddled with pro-communists. I am simply reporting the interpretation put upon recent resignations by close Washington observers. But the fact remains that there seems to be in the State Department a new be-kind-to-communists attitude - and also that many of the same underlings are still there who were around at the time of the China debacle. The big question, of

course, is: How much more of the world can we surrender to the Red tyrants before there's nothing left?

The most depressing part of the whole picture is this. We seem to be getting ready to "accommodate" the Red leaders at the very moment when their communist empire is showing signs of serious trouble. There is a battle going on inside the Polish communist regime - because of food shortages in Poland. East Germany is restive. At home, Khrushchev is forced to make bigger and bigger promises to

his people. And we pick a moment like this to give Khrushchev his greatest propaganda victory in years. He is now busy in Russia and the captive countries, showing beautiful color films of his recent trip to America - with him and the President of the United States standing and sitting side by side. And he can tell his people that the leaders of the powerful Western countries are getting ready to hold a summit conference with Nikita Khrushchev, their great Red leader!

## HACKSAWS, HAMMERS AND DOLLARS

It's too bad some of this latest spirit of "accommodation" could not be applied to the American taxpayer, instead of to Red tyrants. I notice the Navy has hired one of those new electronic brains - to see if it can keep track of how it spends your money. But I am afraid it is going to take a whole lot more than an electronic brain - or a brace of them - before you get any relief from the tax-grabbers. You've heard that old adage: "Easy come; easy go." I suppose when we hand over to the federal politicians each year the

fantastic sum of around 80 billion dollars out of our incomes, we can hardly expect them to be too careful about how they spend it. But some of the things they do with your money are almost beyond belief.

For instance, the government had on hand 69,000 hacksaws. They cost around \$58,000. But the federal bureaucrats didn't know what to do with them. So they gave them away. But at the exact same time one government bureau was giving away 68,000 hacksaws, another government bureau was buying 22,000 new ones! We are often

told that the one place in government where costs cannot be cut is in the Defense Department. But a lot of this nonsense is taking place in that very department. The Army Engineers in St. Louis, for example, declared surplus and gave away brand new hammers costing \$39,000. At the same time, an Army ordnance

post in Ohio was buying other new hammers for nearly \$13,000 of your money. There are innumerable other examples like these.

We don't need electronic brains to stop this - we need human brains who will take the power over our incomes out of the politicians' hands.

- John T. Flynn

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## **Book Review** **JUDGE AND STORYTELLER**

THE ANATOMY OF FREEDOM by Harold R. Medina, 178 pages, Holt, N. Y., \$3.50.

Judge Medina belongs to that small company of legal lights who can write of things sundry, mundane, and humane without getting bogged down in the incomprehensible (to laymen) verbiage of his profession. And he is a first-class storyteller to boot. This series of brief essays (based on speeches delivered over a period of four or five years) are thus peppered with spritely anecdotes from his own experience.

Harold Medina, though he had a long career in the law, had been a judge for only two

years in 1949. In that year he was named to preside over such a trial as perhaps no other judge has had to face. For nine months he sat on the bench in the federal courthouse in New York while 11 leaders of the Communist Party in the United States were on trial for conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence. When the trial began, Judge Medina says he really didn't know what a communist was. But when it was over, he knew - how he knew! When he was appointed as judge in that now famous case, his friend Raymond Moley sent him a clipping which said, in

effect, that Medina was a pretty good lawyer and a colorful figure at the bar, but pretty soon he was going to wish he had never been born. That time came, but Judge Medina survived it – and his account of what he went through during those months, and where he finally found his reward, makes his opening chapter, “A Look at America,” a little classic all by itself.

But there is much more that is wise and good in this book. There are the judge's thoughts and stories about education, and loyalty and patriotism, and security, and the meaning of freedom. We quarrel

only with his definitions of “liberal” and “conservative.” This section was written in 1955, but still it is closer to the 19th century definition of these terms. The fault lies in a failure to distinguish between traditional liberalism and the modern “liberal.” The latter fits much more closely Judge Medina's definition of a reactionary.

But on the whole, this is a thoughtful and highly interesting collection. And the chapter on the trial of The Eleven is alone worth the price of the book.

– Rosalie Gordon

## HOW TVA DOES IT

“In 1958 the Northern States Power Co., (a private utility) paid total taxes of \$38,701,000. This amounted to \$45 per customer – or 25 cents out of every dollar that its customers paid the company. But only 2 1/4 cents of the government-owned Tennessee Valley Authority's revenue goes to pay taxes.

“Northern States Power taxes are nearly 7.3 times as great as the taxes of TVA, although NSP revenue is only 66 percent of TVA's revenue. Compared to the \$45 which NSP pays in taxes per customer, TVA pays only \$3.52.

“Is it any wonder that TVA is able to sell power at a lower rate than the investor-owned companies?”

– M.V. Eggleston in the  
syndicated column *THE AMERICAN WAY*

“You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves.”

– Abraham Lincoln

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**KHRUSHCHEV TRANSLATED**

**What he says:**                      **What he means:**  
(As interpreted by Cong. Craig Hosmer)

I seek Peace ) I seek a communist USA. Our dogma says cap-  
and Friendship ) italism breeds wars. Tear up your capital-  
istic Constitution, turn communist, and  
we'll have peace. We desire to rule the  
world. Be friendly - stop bucking us.

The USSR wants to sell you high-priced junk trade with America ) you don't need and buy what we need from ) you at low prices. Lend us the money to do so.

As a first step ) As a first step toward communizing the USA  
toward peace I ) I'll sign a treaty binding you, but not us  
offer a nuclear ) to strip you of your nuclear capability.  
test ban treaty ) Then we'll make the next step toward peace  
as we did with the Hungarians.

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